

## GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

## **PROCLAMATION**

Wildfire season is fast approaching, and the time has come for Californians to take the proper precautions to protect their homes, property and communities. When adequately prepared, Californians can reduce and avoid the perilous effects of wildfires. Additionally, we can help minimize the chances of forest fires devastating California's tremendous natural resources.

In 1905, the State Board of Forestry was formed in a landmark step toward conservation protection. This year, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) celebrates its centennial anniversary. The CDF maintains a proud tradition of defending the environmental health of our forests and protecting the safety and wellbeing of our residents.

This week, Californians will commemorate Wildfire Awareness Week and pay special tribute to CDF's professional firefighters and resource managers. Through fire safety awareness, Californians can help reduce loss of life and property while protecting our precious natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, do hereby proclaim May 9-16, 2005, as "Wildfire Awareness Week."

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2005.

Arnold Schwarzenegger GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

Attest:

Kevin Shellev

SECRETARY OF STATE